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VIA ECF

Hon. Sandra L. Townes
United States District Court, EDNY
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Bombino, *et al*
Indictment # 10 CR 147 (S-2) (SLT)

Dear Judge Townes;

I represent Defendant Alicia DiMichele in the captioned Indictment. This matter is scheduled for status conference on November 22, 2011 at 4:30 PM. Ms. DiMichele is the mother of three young children, who reside with her in the Cherry Hill area of New Jersey, approximately a 3 hour drive from the EDNY Courthouse.

Assuming the status conference ends between 5:00PM and 5:30 PM, it is likely Ms. DiMichele would not be able to get back home (given rush hour traffic two days before Thanksgiving) until well after 8:00 PM. Because she needs to be home to provide care for her children in the evening hours, I respectfully request that her appearance at the status conference be waived. As the Court is aware, her trial has been severed from that of the co-defendants, and I will of course be present at the conference.

Thank you for your courtesy and consideration.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ JOHN S. WALLENSTEIN

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